GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA

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ENERGY THROUGH RICE HUSK
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is providing any incentive to use the technology for power generation from rice husk and coconut-shells;

(b) if so, the details of the incentive and scheme;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for generating power from rice husk in the rice producing regions of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of units set-up for the purpose in these regions so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government is encouraging setting up of power generation projects from biomass including rice husk and coconut shells through various technological routes such as combustion, gasification and cogeneration

(b): The Government provide incentives such as capital subsidy and interest subsidy for setting up such projects and financial assistance for preparation of Detailed Project Reports, awareness creation and training. Fiscal incentives including accelerated depreciation and relief from taxes and duties, are also being provided. Term loans are available from Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) and other Financial Institutions for such projects.

(c)&(d): A target for setting up of biomass based power generation projects for 700 MW has been fixed for the Tenth Plan period in the country including in rice producing regions. A cumulative capacity of 1050 MW has already been installed so far, for generation of power from biomass in the country including rice producing regions.